

COALDRAKE, Mrs Maida

Sr. lecturer in History  
Interviewed 1980

This tape starts at about 56.

Student - staff - tutor at Christ College.

Student 1937 -

Lived in "digs" in Letitia Street.

"Christ College was an important component of the University campus then."

"As a girl, my father wouldn't have sent me to the University without the scholarship".

Only 5 fulltime women in the university then (check).

Lectures started in afternoon for benefit of large numbers of part-time public service students. 'Teachers' College students' were regarded as lower level than fulltime students.

125 Never felt inferior to men students. Details of day's activities, lodgings,  
160 sport, weekend activities including walking - arranged by Ralph Harry (q.v) and SCM.

1937 - "the polio year" - not able to go home to Launceston for long vacation.

190 SCM at height of influence at that time - captured hearts and minds of some of the best university people. In SCM - because of people like R. Harry and visiting speakers, we know more about (world issues) than any other unit in the community.

<sup>38</sup>  
1983 Secretary of SCM.

Outstanding staff:-

235 Professor C.S. King; Professor Triebel; Professor Taylor.

265 More SCM - exciting intellectually - so much more so than course.

280 SCM annual conference at Frensham in 1939 - in bush fires - dramatic story.

320 M.A. in Melbourne. Worked in State Library Archives - lived in Y.M.C.A. As University of Tasmania didn't have postgrad students this was a good opportunity to mix with peer group - again largely through S.C.M.

370 Wartime. Classes at Uni. getting smaller. M.C. on staff at Uni. of Tas.  
as researcher.

400 Married and sent to live in Japan - (for 7 years) "My education had been  
second to none".

450 Anti - women discrimination in Anglican church.

505 "Nothing I wanted more in those days than to contribute at a professional  
level to the church, and the church didn't want me".

From Japan went to Sydney - with 3 children. Husband Frank was Director of  
Overseas Board of Music.

590 Church "using" her - some bitterness at male chauvinism displayed.  
1965 took tutor's job in History of Sydney.

After death of husband in 1970 was invited to sit on Anglican synod - <sup>on</sup> ~~our~~  
place of women in the church - and in ministry.

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000 - 160 Excursus into Anglican church attitudes.

Frequent visits to Japan, lecturing at Jesuit University.

190 1974 offered job at Uni. of Tas. - decided children could not come because  
of low standard of education in Tasmania! (referred back to above, 400)  
'The ideal job but not the ideal place".

240 Excursus about Coaldrake children.

280 Everything fine until Whitlam government fell, when exotic subjects like  
oriental studies lost ground.

298 No teamwork from colleagues - because a threat to them. ~~Details.~~

350 Current situation - including numbers - in Asian history courses.

530 This university should have plans for outside funding for some jobs (eg  
Japanese govt. funds some Japanese courses world - wide)

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620 In this period of restraint and retraction we should be putting on exciting, imaginative courses.